

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Advisory Action mailed on October 23, 2006, in which the Examiner has rejected, and has not entered, the proposed amendment to the claims submitted on October 5, 2006. Upon further review of the proposed amendment, Applicants note that text intended to have been deleted from claim 28 was inadvertently not shown by strike-through text and that text that was added to claim 29 was inadvertently not shown by underlining the text, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2). Through the present Supplemental Response and Amendment, Applicants resubmit the amendments intended through the Response of October 5, 2006.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-18, 27 and 33-35 and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 30-32. Claims 28 and 30 are amended in the present amendment. Claims 4, 16, 22 and 23 were previously cancelled and claims 19-21 and 24-26 were previously withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, 18 and 27-35 are presently under consideration in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 28 has been rewritten as a dependent claim depending from allowed claim 3. Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 28) and any intervening claims (claim 29), and therefore claims 30-32 are in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that these amendments do not add any new matter.

III. RESPONSE TO THE CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,662,749 (Bushchow) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,323,586 (Burne et al.). As noted above, claim 28 has been amended so as to depend from allowed claim 3. Therefore claims 28 and 29 are allowable over Bushchow and Burne et al.

IV. CONCLUSION

A genuine effort to resolve all issues has been made. For the above stated reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION AND DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe a one-month extension of time is required and authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 04-2223 in payment of the \$120.00 fee. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 04-2223.

Respectfully submitted,

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